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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2001 in regard to the above Patent Application, Applicants request reconsideration thereof in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

O 3600 MAIL ROOM

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-9 and 26-32. Claims 10-25 are hereby withdrawn from consideration.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is presented below in clean form:

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1. (Amended) An automotive steering system comprising: